(ii) Excellent results in SSC and Intermediate examination.

(iii) Entry from the Eklavya Model Residential School won an award in the 93rd Indian Science Congress.

(d) The Ministry of Tribal Affairs regularly monitors the performance of Ekiava Model Residential Schools in the various States, including Andhra Pradesh and reviews the physical an financial progress of the scheme through periodic progress reports and review meetings. The recurring grant to each Eklavya Model Residential School for 420 students has been enhanced from Rs.30.00 lakh per year to Rs. 72.50 lakh per year.

Manufacturing of export items by tribals

4251. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up an Export Development Marketing Institution Cell in every State for exporting items manufactured by tribals;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R.KYNDIAH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The aim of the Government, through the Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Ltd. (TRIFED) functioning under this Ministry is to develop markets (both domestic and export) for tribal products. TRIFED is already engaged in exporting items manufactured by tribals.

Scheme for welfare of forest tribals

†4252. SHRI JAIPARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes and other programmes being implemented for the welfare of the tribals living in forests, State-wise;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government for providing the alternative livelihood for these tribes on account of decreasing forest areas; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for their upliftment?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R.KYNDIAH): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Tribal Affairs launched a new initiative in the year 2005-06 for the development of forest villages under Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub Plan (SCA to TSP), under which infrastructure work relating to basic services and facilities *viz.* approach roads.healthcare, primary education, minor irrigation, rainwater harvesting, drinking water, sanitation, community halls, etc. and activities related to livelihood are taken up for implementation. Under the programme, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs so far has sanctioned and released Rs.412,77.95 lakh for 2,388 forest villages/habitations spread in 11 States. In addition, the scheme of Grant-in-Aid to State Tribal Development Cooperative Corporations (STDCCs) for Minor Forest Produce operations aims at ensuring remunerative prices to tribals enagaged in the collection of MFPs.

Further, the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dewllers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 has been enacted by the Parliament. The Act seeks to recognise and vest certain forest rights in forest dweling Scheduled Tribes and other traditional forest dwellers who have been residing in such forests for generations but whose rights could not be recorded to ensure (a) tenurial security, providing them relief against the physical and psychological alienation from land belonging to them; (b) livelihood, in terms of agriculture and ownership of minor forest produce, including right to collect, use, and dispose the same; and (c) traditional and customary rights.

Violence and discrimination against daiit and tribal communities

4253. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that United Nations criticized that Government had failed to properly protect dalit and tribal communities;